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â€˜Make in Indiaâ€™ for IAF
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a one day seminar on 'Make in India' for Air Force was held recently in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of suggestions received and projects identified by the Government under the 'Make in India' programme for Air Force; and

(d) the details of incentives being provided to the private players for promotion of the said programme and encouraging indigenous defence equipment production?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A seminar on 'Make in India for Indian Air Force' was held at New Delhi on 19th April, 2016. Representatives of Ministry of Defence, Defence Public Sector Units (DPSUs), Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO), the three Services and delegates from Indian industry & some foreign companies attended the seminar wherein issues pertaining to indigenous development and manufacture of aviation equipment for IAF, were discussed.

(c) Main suggestions received during the seminar are as follows:

â€¢ Nurture aerospace Research & Development (R&D) in India through full funding and encouraging incentives to private Indian industry.

â€¢ Establishment of an aerospace R&D centre to identify, design and develop equipment required for maintenance and sustenance of combat platforms.

â€¢ Programmes may be conducted through leading academic institutions or in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode for knowledge and skill development in the identified areas of R&D, Manufacture, Quality Assurance, Maintenance etc. in military aviation.

â€¢ Periodic interaction with Indian industry.

The major projects planned to be processed under 'Make in India' for Air Force are: Light Combat Aircraft, Light Combat Helicopter, Light Utility Helicopter, Basic Trainer Aircraft, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Medium and Short Range Surface-to-Air Missiles, Air-to-Air Missiles, Radars, other Avionics, aggregates and ammunition etc.

(d) The Government has implemented several incentives to promote 'Make in India', such as liberalisation of FDI policy & Industrial Licensing Policy, simplification of export procedures, creating level playing field for Indian private and public sector companies, giving preference to 'Buy (Indian- Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured)', 'Buy (Indian)', 'Buy and Make (Indian)' categories of capital acquisition over 'Buy (Global)' category in Defence Procurement Procedure. The important initiatives taken in this regard are annexed.

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